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1. In December 1954, the head of the Central Office for Research and Technology (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik - ZAFT) of the East German State Planning Commission, Prof. Werner Lange, was appointed a permanent member of the State Planning Commission. He is now one of the Deputy Chairmen of this organization with the rank of State Secretary.
2. Lange is now taking part in all sessions of the State Planning Commission. Within this organization, he is responsible for ZAFT and is no longer dependent upon Erwin Kerber, also one of the Deputy Chairmen of the State Planning Commission.
3. It is generally believed that Lange will, in the near future, be relieved of his duties as head of ZAFT and be replaced by Dr. Alfred Baumbach, head of ZAFT Main Department I. Baumbach, in turn, is expected to be replaced by Dr. Guenther Panning, now head of the Department of Chemical Industry in Baumbach's department.

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